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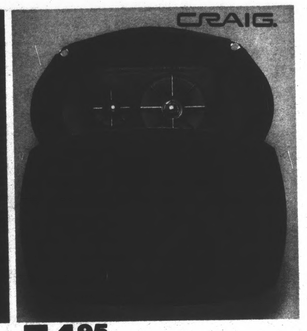

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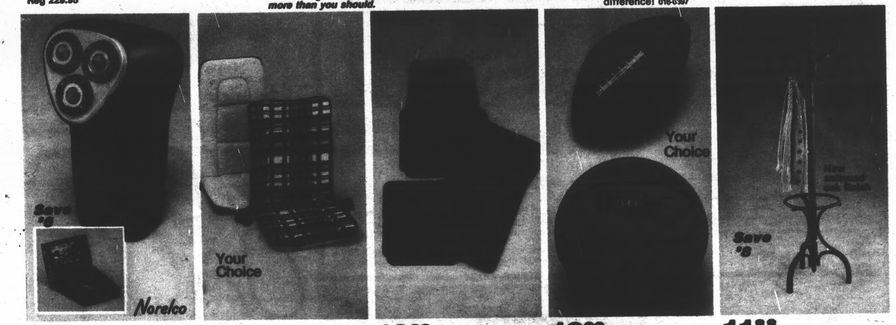

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At Chamber meeting

Directory is released

The culmination of a major project was noted at Monday night's meeting of the Appomattox County Chamber of Commerce, as the first copies of the county's business directory were distributed by directory committee chairman Bill Slagle.

The 40-page directory, which lists emergency and government agencies, schools, churches, professionals, goods and services available in the county, was printed after many hours of work by the directory committee and the Appomattox County High School distributive education department. The high school DE students conducted a county-wide survey to obtain the information contained in the directory.

Slagle noted that the booklet will have to be updated with each re-printing, to include new businesses in the county, and to change information about businesses which may have left or changed hands.

The directory includes a printed form for any business which is not included in the first printing, and would like to be included in the updated second printing.

Members of the chamber will receive a copy of the directory, and the businesses and individuals listed in the booklet will also receive a copy. The remaining copies of the 1,000 press run will be available, upon request, from the chamber of commerce.

In another major development at Monday's meeting, board member Bill Burke suggested that the chamber contemplate sponsoring a trade show in Appomattox County sometime in the future, possibly as soon as next spring.

Burke noted that the trade-show concept is a relatively new approach to marketing, and has met with success in small communities similar to Appomattox County.

The Local Economy: Part 3

Industry's importance

In the current fiscal year, which began July 1, the Board of Supervisors predict that it will take $7,892,266 to operate Appomattox County.

Of this $7.89 million budget, $5,421,872 will be spent on schools in the county, and $2,470,394 will be spent running the other county departments, such as the welfare department, the sheriff's department, and the public works department.

In addition to $4.9 million from the state and federal governments, the county budget reflects a projected local revenue total of $2,186,805 for fiscal 1984. The lion's share of that amount will be generated in individual and commercial personal property and real estate taxes.

In 1983, property in Appomattox County was assessed at $148,360,000, according to Monte Mays, commissioner of the revenue for Appomattox County.

Total revenue for the county generated by real estate taxes was more than $890,000. Total personal property taxes were $460,000, about 20 percent of which was generated by the tax on machinery and tools in county businesses and industries.

"Appomattox County offers some very good incentives for businesses to locate here," Mays notes. "Our tax rates are competitive with other areas, if not lower." The tax rate on personal property in the county is $3.50 per $100 assessed value, and the rate for real estate is $.60 per $100.

"We have a good highway system, a rail line, and are centrally located in the state," Mays adds. "These are attractive features for businesses and industries looking for a location."

In addition to the real estate and personal property taxes which businesses and industries pay to the county, there are tax revenues generated for the towns of Pamplin and Appomattox by commercial interests within their corporate limits.

In 1983, for example, the Town of Appomattox collected approximately $20,000 in business license fees. And, the more volume a retail business does in the Town of Appomattox, the more taxes that business pays the town to be used in its operating budget.

But perhaps the major contribution which a strong business/industrial community makes to a locality is the money injected into the locality's economy through employment.

"The industries, such as Thomasville and the garment factories, and the other businesses in our county contribute a great deal to the county because they give the people here more buying power," notes Mays. "It's a cycle," Mays concludes. "The more a business thrives, the more employment it will offer, and the more money people earn in their jobs, the more buying power they have."

And buying power translates into increased revenue for the county and its two towns from increased sales taxes, gross receipts taxes, and the other sources within the local and state tax structures.

Firemen's fund drive continues

Donation collections for the annual volunteer firemen's benefit in Appomattox County are continuing, according to fund-drive co-chairmen Paul Drinkard and James Ford.

Funds collected in the drive will be used for a dinner honoring the volunteers for their contributions to the community. November was declared "Volunteer Firemen's Month" in a proclamation by Appomattox Mayor Roanld C. Spiggle four weeks ago.

WOW event set this Saturday

Woodmen of the World Lodges 71 and 6073 will hold their annual awards night this Saturday (Dec. 3) at 7:30 p.m. in the WOW hall.

At this event, citizens of Appomattox County who have made outstanding civic contributions will be honored and various local and civic organizations will receive gifts.

In addition, a memorial service will be held for deceased WOW members.

All members and interested citizens are invited to attend.

MRS. SANTA, shown here with Matthew White and Lauren Spahr, will accompany Santa and his elves to Saturday's "Breakfast With Santa" sponsored by the Appomattox Junior Women's Club.

Santa to visit here

The Appomattox County High School cafeteria will be the decorative setting for this year's holiday "Breakfast With Santa" sponsored by the GEWC Appomattox Junior Woman's Club.

This event will be held this Saturday, Dec. 3, from 8:30 - 11. Admission will be $2.00 per person.

Santa, along with Mrs. Claus and some of his helpers, will be on hand to enjoy breakfast with children and their parents. The breakfast menu will include pancakes with syrup and butter, bacon, juice, and choice of coffee or milk. Free favors will be presented to each child from Santa.

Professional photographer, Robert Pankey, will be present to take pictures of children with Santa for a small additional fee.

Parents are encouraged to buy tickets in advance to avoid waiting in a long line on possibly a very cold morning. However, tickets will be sold at the door also.

Advance tickets may be purchased at the following locations: Appomattox Drug Store, American Federal Savings & Loan, Farmers National Bank (downtown branch), and Stephen's Fashions or from any Junior Woman's Club member.

Two die here in head-on crash

Two Appomattox County men died in a head-on collision Thanksgiving night at approximately 8:40 p.m. on Route 26, near the intersection of Road 663.

State Trooper Bill Purcell reported that Samuel Wendell Johnson, age 68 and David Lee Humbles, age 35, both of Route 3, Appomattox died of injuries sustained in the accident.

A third man, Samuel Lynn Ferguson, of Detroit, Mich., was a passenge in Johnson's vehicle and received a broken leg in the accident. He was transported to Lynchburg General Hospital by the Appomattox County Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Purcell said that both vehicles were a total loss. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

There were 15 deaths resulting from traffic accidents in Virginia over the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend, according to the State Police.

Citizens up in arms over 'road hunting'

By FRANCES ABBITT

With the hunting season in full swing, the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors is receiving calls concerning the problem of road hunting.

Franklin Vaughan, member of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors has had several calls from irate citizens concerning the problem of hunting alongside public roads and the lack of consideration on the part of hunters for landowners.

"I want to make one thing clear," said Vaughan, "if the hunters of this area don't want the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors to enact county ordinances resulting in stricter hunting laws for the county, they had better begin to obey the existing hunting laws."

At the present time the County of Appomattox is governed by Virginia game laws; the county has no ordinances concerning hunting as set forth by the county governing body. However, if a county sees the need, its board may write and enforce ordinances to meet the needs of the county.

Concerned citizens are asking that the board take a long hard look at the problem with the idea of coming up with a solution without depriving the hunters of their privilege of hunting.

The board would like to urge hunters to be aware of property owners' rights to bike or walk along the roadway without the fear of stray bullets or shot coming their way. Shooting along the roadway endangers the lives of children who may be walking, biking or playing alongside the road.

One Appomattox town resident, who preferred to remain anonymous, said, "Hunters were hunting in a small wooded area in front of our home in the corporate limits."

A county resident, concerned about the problem of road hunting reported seeing a hunter "stop his pickup along the roadway, stand in the open door and fire his gun."

Virginia law prohibits firing a gun within 100 yards of a secondary or primary road.

"As an individual and a member of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, I am deeply concerned about the problem and if hunters don't begin to respect the rights of land owners and adhere to Virginia Game laws, the board will have to take action," said Vaughan.

In expressing concern about the problem, one landowner said, "What has happened to plain old consideration for the rights of others? What has happened to sportsmanship?"

Al Rinaldi to speak at Lions' football banquet

The annual banquet honoring Appomattox County High School's varsity Raider football team is scheduled for tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 6:45 in the high school cafeteria.

The banquet, sponsored by the Appomattox Lions Club, will feature an awards presentation for outstanding members of the 1983 Raider squad.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be Al Rinaldi, outstanding high school football coach in Virginia, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

A native of Vandergrift, Pa., Rinaldi graduated from Apollo (Pa.) High School, where he played football and basketball. He entered the U.S. Army in World War II, where he was wounded twice as an infantryman in Europe. After he was wounded the second time, he was sent to McGuire Hospital in Richmond, where he later played basketball.

While in Richmond, he was offered a scholarship by the University of Richmond to play basketball and football, which he accepted.

After graduating from the University of Richmond, Rinaldi began his coaching career at Warrenton High School, where he amassed a 20-5 record in three years. He then moved to Highland Springs, where from 1954 to 1962 he won three regional crowns and a state championship. He was named Virginia's Coach of the Year in 1961, and was president of the State High School Coaches' Association in 1961-62.

After the 1962 school year, he moved to New Jersey, where he coached at New Brunswick and St. Peters High Schools. He was named New Jersey's Coach of the Year in 1964, when his team gave up only two touchdowns in nine games in his two years of coaching at St. Peters, he was 15-1-1.

Rinaldi returned to Highland Springs in 1973, where his teams compiled a 57-3 record in six years. He won four regional crowns and was runner-up for the state championship in 1978. He ended his coaching career at J. R. Tucker High School in Henrico County. In 29 years as a head coach, his teams went 196-76-16. His teams had undefeated seasons in 1960,1961, 1970, 1975, 1976 and 1978, and there were six seasons in which he lost only one game. More than 100 of his players received football scholarships, worth over $1 million.

Board to meet

The Appomattox County School Board will meet Wednesday (Dec. 7) at 3:30 p.m. in the library at Appomattox Elementary School.

With the regular monthly reports, the board will receive a report on the reading program at Appomattox Primary School and reports from the curriculum and testing committees.

Mayberry wins final contest

In this, the last Football Contest of the season, three games in the contest were not played so only nine games were counted in determining a winner.

Billy Thompson, Curtis T. Mayberry, Sr. and Doug Marshall, all of Appomattox, predicted all the games correctly.

Going to the tie-breaker for a winner, Mayberry was named as first place winner, his scores being closer to the actual game scores. He will receive a check for $20 as first place prize from the **Times-Virginian**.

Dough Marshall, according to tie-breaker scores, was named second place winner and will receive a check for $10 as his prize.

We look forward to sponsoring a **Times-Virginian** Football Contest again during the 1984 football season as we have done in past years.

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Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Sort of a dreary Monday. Wet with drizzle and rain. As it is inside is up to you. Just bought a copy of the 1984 Old Farmers Almanac, which since 1792 has offered weather forecasts and data on planting times, secrets of the Zodiac, recipes, etc. And got a 1984 calendar, with picture of Yogi the Bear and warnings about forest fires.

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Sports fans have had no shortage of games to watch. And some upsets along the way. And basketball is flourishing. How about this basketball score, Slippery Rock 74, Bloomsburg 73. So many games are decided in the final seconds. Few fans leave before the final whistle. Appomattox's Kevin Ferguson made a good showing in football at the University of Virginia. A quarterback in high school at ACHS, he played as a flanker most of his appearances as a college frosh, but the coaches have indicated Ferguson will play at quarterback next year.

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Thanks to Mrs. Melaine Fraley for sending me recent copies of **The Salem Times-Register** and **New Castle Record**. Always like to see a variety of newspapers. Mrs. Fraley will be remembered here as a popular employee of this newspaper, who moved to Salem when Mr. Fraley was transferred. She has blossomed out as a columnist for the Salem paper. Called "Melaine's Corner Kitchen" the column features recipes. Noted one for Pumpkin Cream Pie.

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The approaching holiday season brought forth what may be an original remark in my note pad, to the effect that the candle makers did not close shop when Edison came up with the electric light. Candles are still popular, especially around Christmas. But better be careful with'em and avoid fires.

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Have not driven that way, but note that the historic Frank A. O'Brien home has been taken down. This home was a gathering place for social events, popular with a large circle of friends. Mr. O'Brien was a long time County Supervisor, one of our very best farmers and advocate of education.

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Severe weather, including heavy snows, have hit many parts of the USA. For sure we would go for some snow for the young at heart, but Old Cornsilks would not mind another mild winter.

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Brightleaf asks that I mention again her thanks for the gifts and cards since her return from the hospital. And visits and prayers.

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We regret to hear of the death of Mrs. O.R. Turnes (Gladys) of Amherst. This fine family formerly lived in the Stonewall community and the daughters, Nellie and Louise, both taught at ACHS.

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A flash of blue at my windowside bird feeder. That big Jaybird is back. No comment.

Thanks for reading. Seeya around and reminding that Appomatox welcomes you this big holiday shopping season.

JIM SEFTER, PRESIDENT OF APPOMATOX LIONS CLUB (right) chats with Steve Lawrence, (left), Chorus-Chorale Director at Appomattox County High School and Frank Coffey, (Center) Band Director, after presentation of check from the Lions Club to the music department. The funds came from Lions Club fund-raisers.